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## **INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

United States Patent and Trademark Office Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In the Office Action dated 10/20/2008 the Examiner indicated that claims 3-5, 9, 14, 15 and 17 were objected to as being in improper form because of multiple dependency and therefore the claims were not further treated on the merits.

However, in the paper dated May 19, 2005 the concerned claims were amended and put into proper form to remove any multiple dependency issues.

On November 19, 2008 Applicants' counsel Richard J. Minnich discussed the present situation with Supervisory Patent Examiner Ricky L. Mack. He indicated that since the claims were not examined on the merits that a new Office Action will be issued shortly.

Respectfully submitted,

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